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Head Quarters

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His Excellency the Commander in Chief having been pleased to appoint Major General Heath to the Command of the Troops on the East side of Hudsons River all standing orders heretofore Issued are to be obeyed

The Brigade Majors of Brigade will immediately report to Head Quarters the Extraordinary Guard respectively mounted by them and the place where they mount.

Brigadiers Generals Parsons & Huntington will please to continue and where it appears necessary add such Guards on the avenues leading through the Highlands as may best tend to the Security of the Troops detect the Enemy and give the earliest notice of their approach of the Enemy

The Guard at Robinsons is to be augmented to a Captains Guard and to be Commanded by an Officer of that rank

Whenever any Officer on the advanced posts discovers any movement of the Enemy he is without delay to communicate it to the Officer of the Day who will report it to his Brigadier Genl who is requested immediately to transmit the Intelligence to the Major General

Deputies from the Enemy are to be sent immediately to the Major Generals Quarters

~~The Light Infantry of the respective~~
~~Brigades will not be marched into~~
The greatest vigilance and alertness is to be
inculcated on Guard Patrols & Sentinels
The Brigade Majors will attend daily at
twelve o'Clock for Orders.

The Light Infantry of the respective Brigades
to be Constantly ready to march on the shortest notice

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Head Quarters Danforths House
June 26th 1779

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Parole Virginia

The Brigadier Generals are requested to see that the General Order of the 19th of May last be strictly conformed to in every particular, and if any of the Troops are deficient in their Compliment of ammunition that it be compleated without the least delay - The Troops to be in readiness to act on the most sudden emergency

The several Issuing Commissarys will endeavour if possible at all times to obtain a competent supply of rum for the Troops, the excessive hot weather and probability of the Troops being called to march on the shortest notice render such supply absolutely necessary.

Kind Providence having Blessed the Troops with Uncommon Health, every precaution is to be taken to preserve it, too much attention cannot be paid to this object at the present Season

The several Inspectors are desired to be assiduous in perfecting the Troops in the Knowledge of the Exercise & Manoeuvres

The Discharge of three Cannon at the Space of five minutes between each from Genl Huntingtons Artillery is to anounce an alarm on the Side the River on which the Enemy are to Beat to Arms and the Troops Instantly parade compleatly prepared for action This alarm is not to be made but on the

certainty of the Enemys advance to the High C
which is to be ~~Genl Huntington~~ determined by Genl
Huntington, or should the Enemy advance on
Robinsons Road General Parsons will order
the alarm to be fired by the artillery of his
Brigade

The present distance of the Brigades from each
other makes it necessary that the ~~Each~~ Duty ~~of the~~
~~Each~~ to be performed by the Brigades and the
several Brigadiers will please to order
accordingly.

The present distance of the Brigades from each
other will render the performance of Each Duty in
Division too tedious. it is therefore ~~to be~~ per
in the Brigades respectively

Division orders
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Head Quarters Dan forth House

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Parole Sign

The Brig.r Generals are requested to see that the General Order of the 19th of May last be strictly conformed to in every particular and if any of the Troops are deficient in their compliment of Ammunition that it be compleated without the least delay The Troops to be ready to act on the most sudden Emergency

The Several Issuing Commissaries will endeavour if possible at all times to obtain a competent supply of rum for the Troops; the excessive hot weather and probability of the Troops being Called to march on the shortest notice, renders such supply absolutely necessary

Thro' Providence having favored the Troops with uncommon health, every precaution is to be taken to preserve it — too much attention cannot be paid to this Object at the present Season.

The Several Inspectors are desired to be assiduous in perfecting the Troops in the knowledge of the Exercise and Manoeuvres.

The Discharge of three Cannon, at the space of five minutes between each, from General Huntington's Artillery, is to announce an alarm on this side the River; on which the Drums are to beat to arms, and the Troops instantly to parade compleatly prepared for action; this alarm is not to be made but on the certainty of the enemies advance to the Highlands, which is to be determined by Gen.l Huntington; or should the Enemy advance on Robinson's road Gen.l Parsons

will order the ~~alarm~~ alarm to be fired by the Artillery of his Brigade.

The present distance of the Brigades from each other will render the performance of Camp Duty in division too tedious, it is therefore to be performed in the Brigades respectively

Camp of Instruction
June 26th 1778

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Head Quarters Highlands Garrison House
June 27th 1779

Parole

Extract from Gen. Orders June 25th

"The Commissary will take care to lay in a Considerable Stock of hard Bread at West Point for the use of the Garrison on any extraordinary occasion.

The Troops in General to have constantly two days bread before hand & the Brigade Commissaries to have two days Salt Provision in reserve to be Issued on an emergency."

As the Service may be much promoted by forming the Light Infantry of the Division into one Corps, they are to be in readiness to form a Junction whenever orders are given for that purpose, Those belonging to General Parsons Brigade Under Colonel Meigs, Those of Nixons Under Major Oliver and those of Huntingtons under Lieut Col. Sherman whereon the Junction is formed the Senior Officer to Command the whole, The Light Companies of Gen. Parsons Brigade to be Levelled to an equal Strength by this order to Continue in force until His Excellency the Commander in Chief shall order otherwise

Should an attack be made on this Post — Brig. Gen. Nixon will Immediately detach Majr Oliver with the Light Infantry without waiting for orders and should the action be obstinate will also send over with all Possible

his
Dispatch one Regt. ~~of~~ Gen'l Dixon will name
the Regt that no time may be lost when their
service ~~may~~ calls for them. The other two Regts of
the Brigade will remain on the Island for the present
~~order~~ until they receive further orders from
Regimental
The Surgeons of the Division will be careful
to see that their Instruments Dressings &c are
in proper order.

The season requires that every Soldier be
if there are any deficiency they are immediately to be
furnished with a Canteen care ~~is not~~ taken to
see
~~Put to~~ properly Slung.

General Parsons and Gen'l Huntingtons Brigade
to lie on their arms this night.

Division orders
June 28th 1776

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after Order

Head Quarters Danforth June 30th 1779

In consequence of the Scarcity of Forage General Huntington's Brigade will remove to morrow from their present Encampment to the George of the mountains north of the village where they are to Encamp on the most advantageous Ground. General Huntington will please to take every necessary precaution for the Security of his Camp and to prevent Surprize. He will reconnoitre the shortest and best Communication between the Ground at present occupied by General Parsons's Brigade and the Post which is to be taken by General Huntington must be immediately reconnoitred by the Officers of both Brigades that in case of necessity each may support the other without loss of Time

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Orders
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Division orders

Head Quarters Dunsterbs July 2.nd 1779

Parole Sign

The Inspector General having come to this Post for the purpose of forming the Regiments conformable to the General System adopted for the establishment of the Army of the United States of America is to be put in execution The Major General flatters himself the officers of the division will contribute all in their power to facilitate this Important Business with all possible dispatch

On Sunday next at Five o'Clock P. M. the Commanding officers of Regiments in General Nixons Brigade will attend the Inspector General at Major Gen.l Heaths Quarters they will bring with them exact returns of their respective Regiments

On monday morning next at Seven o'Clock Col.o Greatons Reg.t will be reviewed by the Inspector Gen.l At nine o'Clock Gen.l Noxon and at Eleven o'Clock Col.o Putnams

The Commanding officers of Reg.ts in General Parsons Brigade will attend with their returns on monday next 5 o'Clock P. M. and on Tuesday morning the Brigade will be reviewed beginning with the Reg.t on the right at Seven o'Clock

Extract from the General order

Head Quarters New windsor July 1.st 1779

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Division orders

Head Quarters Danforths Camp 3d. 1779

Parole Elgin

Strict attention to be paid to the Gen.l orders of the 30.th ulto. and first Instant.

The scarcity of Forage in the Neighbourhood of Camp calls for the greatest Economy in the preservation and use of it. Such Horses of Officers as are not wanted in case of Emergency are to be sent back to the Country to such Pasture as the Forage Master may be able to obtain — particular care is to be taken to preserve the property of the Inhabitants especially the Grain & Corn on which they must depend for a subsistance Fences are not to be pulled down or a single rail burnt, there cannot be the least pretence for it amidst the great Plenty of wood which surround the Camp

The officers are desired to take

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July 3d 1778

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Division orders

Head Quarters Danforths July 6th 1779

Parole Virginia

The Troops are Constantly to have their arms & Accoutrements & ammunition compleat & in order to keep them to the full Compliment and in order to keep them so an Officer from each Company must every morning at roll call minutely inspect the State of the arms army Accoutrements and ammunition, ~~and the regulations in that case provided~~ if any defficiency or abuses are discovered the regulations in such case provided are to be strictly adhered to.

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Extract from Gnl Orders

Head Quarters New windsor July 8th 1779

Head Quarters New windsor July 9th 1779

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Division orders

Head Quarters Mandaville July 10th 1779

Parole C Sign

If there is a Blacksmith in the first Connecticut Brigade who is well acquainted with shoeing Horses Col Commandt Wyllys is desired to send him to Capt the Shoeing Smithy near the armourer of the Brigade

If appearing that the Saddles and Bridles which were in the D M Gnls Store were not intended to be delivered to the officers of the army the Major General is sorry to be under the necessity of requesting such officers as have drawn Saddles by virtue of orders from him to return them to the Store from whence they were taken

Order
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